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**STATUS INQUIRY**

It is respectfully requested that the applicant be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive a first Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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